Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are we to take it that the Government approve of these articles?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—There is nothing for approval or disapproval.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In sub-division (e) it is stated that the subscribing to the magazine is compulsory both to male and female students of the college. If the Government does not approve of the articles, my suggestion is that you should take action to see that such articles do not appear in such magazines.

President.—Government do not either approve or disapprove.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I should like to know whether the Government approves of such articles in a compulsory college magazine?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—There are various methods of representing certain views or facts. Sometimes it may be correct.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—It was stated by the Hon'ble Member for Eduction that if they make love with each other, that is the best compliment to be paid. May I know whether the Government encourage love-making in the college?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Government have nothing to do with it.

Malayalam poetry books for Primary Schools—cost of.

393. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether in the Malayalam books approved for use in the State Primary Schools from 1108 Edavam, there are not various poetry pieces;

(b) whether special poetry books have been prescribed for use in primary classes;

(c) what is the price of the books in (a) and (b) ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c)

(a) Class IV	0—5—0	(b)	0—2—6
,, III	0—4—0		0—2—0
,, II	0—3—0		0—2—0
,, I	0—2—6		Nil

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ.—മലയാള പുസ്തകങ്ങളിൽ പ്രൈമറി പുസ്തകങ്ങളിൽ പദ്യപാഠങ്ങളുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ പ്രത്യേകിച്ച് ആ പദ്യപാഠങ്ങളുള്ള പുസ്തകങ്ങൾ വാങ്ങുവാനായിട്ട് നിബ്ബന്ധിക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമുണ്ടായിരുന്നോ എന്നാണ് ഞാൻ ചോദിയ്ക്കുന്നത്?

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Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—The Government thought that it would be better to prescribe them.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ.—പ്രോസ് പുസ്തകങ്ങളിലുള്ള പൊയട്രി കാര്യമല്ല പ്രകാരം അതായത് കൊല്ലങ്ങളിലേക്ക് പഠിയതായിരുന്നുവോ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—With reference to Sanskrit I have to say that a little extra reading is not going to spoil the children. Even with regard to Malayalam it is so. That is my personal experience.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ.—അല്ലെങ്കിൽ കൊടുത്തു ഒരു പ്രോസ പുസ്തകവും, വേറെ അങ്ങനെ കൊടുത്തിട്ടു ഒരു നോട്ടപുസ്തകവും രണ്ടാം ക്ലാസ്സിൽ പഠിക്കുന്ന ഒരു കുട്ടിക്കു വാങ്ങുന്ന ആവശ്യമുണ്ടോ എന്നാണ് ഞാൻ ചോദിക്കുന്നതു. സാധുക്കൾക്കു ഇതു വലിയ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുള്ള കാര്യമാണു. വലിയവർക്കാകുമ്പോൾ അതു സാരമില്ല.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What was the objection in having both the books together seeing that these are little children of the second standard? I suppose it was not for the disposal of the books that the thing was done like that.

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—There is no harm in that. It was not for the purpose of the disposal of the books.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Would not the purpose be served in having the prose and poetry together? Why is not the Department satisfied with giving them one book instead of two books?

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Are not the Government aware that the poetry pieces in the prose book are not taught?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—We thought that the poetry pieces in the prose book will serve as extra reading.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—If poetry pieces are also in the prose book was it the practice to prescribe separate books?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Sometimes these authors and editors do not write a book which is exactly cut and dry with the syllabus.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Was it an innovation this year?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I want notice.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Is it the view of the Government that the poetry pieces in the prose book were found to be insufficient for that standard?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Separate poems were found to be better.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Would it not have been better for the Government to go through all these books before they are prescribed as text books and select the better one?

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Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I can only recall at this stage that the poetry pieces in the prose book were not found to be so good as the pieces in the books prescribed.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not a new innovation in the second and third standards?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Yes. It may be because such books came only recently.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government consider our representations about supplying one book?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Yes.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Was it because sufficient books were not coming in?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—There were no such books available.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether the committee thought that separate poetry books were not necessary because poems are already in the text books?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Very good poems were found readily available at the prices here.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Was it not the admitted intention of the Government to encourage indigenous literary writers?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—It was not the intention of the Government. It was very well discussed and unanimously passed that, as the poems are very good it would be advantageous to prescribe them.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In coming to that conclusion, may I know whether the author himself had not a part in it?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—He had no part in it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I draw the attention of the Government to answer to subdivision (c)? There it is stated that Mr. K. P. Karuppan, the author of these books took part. 'He took part only in the meeting of the Board of Studies which recommended to Government the prescription of text-books for use in schools'.

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—In the discussion of his own books he was perfectly silent. He never said anything. In fact we wanted that he should go and take model lessons and recitations in the various schools.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is clearly stated that he took part in the meeting which approved and prescribed these books.

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—He took part in prescribing all other books except his books.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—So it is a wrong answer.

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Not quite complete.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Is not the author the best critic of his work?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Criticisms may be of two kinds, destructive and constructive.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the names of those who were on the committee to determine the par excellence of the poetry contained in these books?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—The President himself and myself also was one of them. I found that the poems were exceedingly good. In fact the poems appealed to me very much. I must say that.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was it read out and acted there?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I wanted him to do that in certain cases but it was not done.

Poetry books for Primary classes—author—member of Board of Studies.

394. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) who is the author of the poetry books prescribed for use in the Primary classes of the State schools from 1108 Edavam;

(b) whether the author is a Member both of the Text Book Committee and the Board of Studies;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, did the author take part in the meeting which approved and prescribed these books for use in schools?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—(a) Mr. K. P. Karuppan, Superintendent of Vernacular Education, is the compiler of the poetry books.

(b) He is a member of the Board of Studies only.

(c) He took part only in the meeting of the Board of Studies which recommended to Government the prescription of text books for use in schools.

Casualities in the Nelliampathi Estates—prevalence of indentured labour in the Estates.

395. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware that there had been great number of casualities recently in one of the Estates on the Nelliampathi Hills?

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